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**Subject:** RE: Ringwood CAG reorganization

Dear Pat,

The EWA is starting its own CAG and will provide independent Technical Advisors to review and disseminate the data to the public. We will keep minutes and put all CAG related documents from the past on our CAG website. Every CAG meeting will be broadcast online and the experienced EWA team will run CAG until it gets back on track.

***I and the EWA will not be part of the amateur hour that was your last meeting. Your so called professional facilitators and others who conducted the meeting were an embarrassment. I will send an official letter of invitation to the CAG members but this is just adding insult to injury.***

Respectfully,

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Ringwood CAG reorganization

From: "Seppi, Pat" <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>

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Hello Remaining Ringwood CAG Members and Possible New Members,

EPA understands that the reorganization of the Ringwood CAG is very important and determined to be critical to many of you. I would like to work with you to accomplish the reorganization as quickly as possible. Based on the interviews that were done with our contractors, IEN (Judy and Frank) and your recommendations, there are a few considerations you want us to consider as we move forward.

1. The CAG should have a neutral facilitator
2. The CAG should be supported by a technical advisor
3. There should be discussions with the community about how participation is decided
4. CAG participants should include a mix of experienced and new CAG members with a representative of different groups who are impacted in different ways
5. CAG meetings should include presentations by those who have information to share such as NJDEP and Ford.
6. Provide timely notification of CAG meetings, including notices for those who don't have email
7. Meetings should be recorded and meeting summaries should be distributed
8. The decision-making process needs to be clearly defined at each opportunity, with an explanation of how CAG input will be utilized

The information above is based on a consensus from your conversations with our contractor but may not reflect other considerations. We can certainly discuss that as we move forward.

I'd like to set up either a meeting or call as soon as possible to discuss the reorganization. What I need before I do so, is to hear back from you to let me know if you're interested in staying on the CAG or if you're still interested in joining as a new member.

Please let me know your intention and if you are aware of any other people who might be interested, let me know and I'll reach out to them. It will be up to the sitting CAG to determine other members, not EPA, but at least I can do the initial outreach.

If anyone speaks to Vivian, please let her know about this email. I will mail it to her today but it will take a day or two to get there.

Thanks so much and I look forward to working with you.

Pat

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